

AMENDMENT

Please rewrite claim 24 as follows. A marked up version of the claim is attached hereto.

24. (amended) An intravascular apparatus, comprising:

- a) a first catheter tube having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending from its proximal end to its distal end;
- b) a self-expanding balloon coupled to said distal end of said first catheter tube and having an abrasive outer surface; and
- a, c) a second catheter tube having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending from its proximal end to its distal end, said first catheter tube extending through said lumen of said second catheter tube.
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REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application. The Examiner is of the opinion that there are three species of the invention which he identifies as Figures 2, 7, 8, and 8a. Figure 2 illustrates a device with two balloons. Figure 7 illustrates a device with three balloons. Figure 8 illustrates a device with a single balloon and Figure 8a illustrates a device with no balloons.

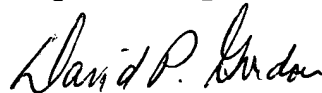
It is believed that claims drawn to a device having a single balloon read on the species of Figures 2, 7, and 8. It is further

believed that many of the method claims read on all four species. Thus, it is not seen why restriction is necessary as a search of one species will necessarily include the others. Indeed, by electing the species of Figure 2, only 5 of the 40 claims are eliminated from examination.

During review of the claims it was noticed that claim 24 contained a typographical error. Therefore, claim 24 has been amended.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims are in order for examination, and prompt examination is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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24. (amended) An intravascular apparatus, comprising:

a) a first catheter tube having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending from its proximal end to its distal end;

b) a self-expanding balloon coupled to said distal end of said [second] first catheter tube and having an abrasive outer surface; and

c) a second catheter tube having a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen extending from its proximal end to its distal end, said first catheter tube extending through said lumen of said second catheter tube.